

'PRIDE IN OUR TOWN'

June 2024

Garry and Dianne Clarke

We moved to Tapawera over three years ago, though Garry lived around here for approximately 10 years when he worked in the forestry. We really moved (back) for health reasons, so we could be near family as well as for affordability.

We don't have any particular favourite season as while we really love gardening, we also love sitting by the fire and reading good books. Dianne volunteers in the Op Shop, which she loves, working with Amanda, and also attends the 'Thrivers and Survivors' support group.

The Village is really a lovely quiet place to live, most the time, and there are so many views around the Village that we love, including Shedwood Bush, as well as to Mt Arthur. We reckon that locals are pretty friendly and relaxed, helpful and there are quite a number of friends that we know would come at the 'drop of a hat' if they were needed. The District Nurse is an amazing health support, knowing us so well that she can 'read between the lines' and even turns up when we try to downplay our symptoms over the phone, giving us confidence and peace of mind that we are in good hands. This also goes for the couple of amazing St John personnel that live in the community. Tapawera will be really in trouble when these two ladies can no longer be available, unless more volunteers put up their hands!

**Knitwits – Knitting for Charity**

Over the past 5-10 years and especially during covid, many groups have been formed to knit as a pastime, sending their finished products to hospitals for prem babies, Plunkets and places that collect for distribution around NZ. What is made – items of clothing, blankets, toys, in fact anything knitted in wool.

These groups function in various ways – a knitter who uses their own needles, wool and patterns. Someone who may choose to donate wool, or money to buy wool for knitters to make items for the charity.

Would you like to knit for charity? Join the Knitwits, meeting 10-12 the first and third Monday morning of the month at the Hub (Community Centre). There will be available extra needles, patterns to photocopy and wool to buy at a discounted price.



Our April meeting was at Margaret de Morton's lovely property in Riwaka. As the weather was literally raining cats and dogs we were a bit thin on the ground, but those that were there had an enjoyable day and most of us with our umbrellas and raincoats managed to brave the weather and had a good walk around the extensive garden. We plan to have another visit in either spring or summer. The raffles of an azalea plant and large bowl of pansies were won by Anne Steele and Elwynne Gibson.

We have had several new members in recent months. Welcome to Jann Main, Gloria Pigeon, Christine Glass, Sandra Gardener, Sally Briffault and Maureen Kingsley.

Next meeting is Thursday, May 9th. Please note later starting time of 11.30am as we are not having an auction. The venue is The Little Shed Garden Nursery, 106 Teapot Valley Rd, Brightwater, on the right hand side of the road, 2nd gateway. There will be signage or balloons outside. There is parking, but if some could car pool it would be a help. Please bring chair, lunch, a thermos as we won't have the urn, and there will be a raffle.

Kerry has a lovely little plant nursery and I believe she has only been going for a year. Her plants are very healthy and reasonably priced. Sorry, cash only as no eftpos.

Till next time. Happy Gardening.

Shirley

Community Clubs & Groups – Are Your Details on the Back Page of the Informer Correct?

A few people have commented that some of the contact information on the back page may be out of date - if your club/group is listed, please can you check the details and email tapawerainformer@gmail.com if anything needs changing.

Also, if your club/group isn't listed and you would like it to be, please email the details so it can be included in future editions.

Thanks

Gill

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Community Hub Update:

A consultant spent 6 months canvassing our community members, groups, and agencies, and the conclusion was that there is a need for a fit for purpose Community Hub for Tapawera. The primary functions of this hub will be to provide better access to wellbeing services, a space for local groups to meet, or just pop in for a catch up, and plenty more (we have a number of providers and potential users offering services to the community expressing interest already).

As we already have a number of community buildings that need to be maintained, it didn't make sense to add another.

Looking at the existing buildings, it was decided that the best option would be to replace the existing Community Centre.

These are the reasons why:

This building has been assessed as being earthquake prone and will be condemned in 15 years unless it is retro-fitted which will be extremely costly (and this cost would not be supported by Council).

It is highly visible and accessible from the main road.

We have an amazing opportunity to get a large chunk of the funding from the Department of Internal Affairs, but this must be allocated by June, and is conditional on Council and Community support. Lets get behind this.

Rangitahi Explorers Youth Group

Our first term back into Youth Group this year has been a huge success with some amazing outings and activities, and some new faces too! Our last activity for the term was at Jumpin (an indoor trampoline park) which was lots of fun and we even ended it with some ice cream cake to celebrate 2 awesome birthdays!

You can show your support here: <https://submissions.tasman.govt.nz/my-council/public-consultation/submission/new/1325/Tasman-Ten-Year-Plan-2024-2034-and-concurrent-consultations>

Question 4 is the only one you need to answer to support the hub (but by all means answer as many as you like!). Submissions close on the 28th of April.

Any questions, or thoughts, please get in touch with us! tapaweraconnect@gmail.com

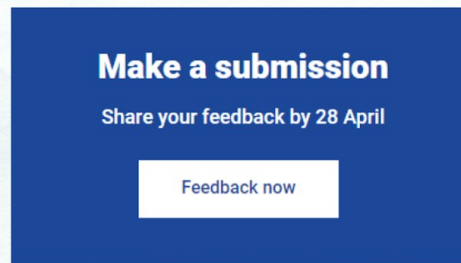
Tapawera Hub Submission

LINK: <https://shape.tasman.govt.nz/tasmans-10-year-plan>

OR

GOOGLE: Tasman's 10-Year Plan

CLICK:



Start submission

- ▶ Fill out your personal details
- ▶ If you wish to be present at the submission hearing - click this and choose Richmond: Do you wish to verbally present in support of your feedback?
- ▶ You don't have to fill it all out on the next page (can if you want) but the important question is **Question 4** and select **Option A**:

04 INVESTING IN COMMUNITY FACILITIES Which option do you prefer?

- Option A - Council's Preferred Option - invest in four new and improved community facilities
- Option B - invest in some but not others
- Option C - don't invest in any of these facilities
- Not Sure

- ▶ On the next page is your chance to attach your submission. Doesn't have to be a novel, but it is a great way to have your say on why Tapawera would benefit from a new community hub.

If you want any help with this - feel free to contact Phoebe.

We look forward to kicking things off again in Term 2.

We have a Youth Wellness event being organised for youth week which is set to take place on the 31st of May, and will be lots of fun.

Mika Amstad (Coordinator)

3 STEPS FOR LIFE TRAINING

June 9th 10am-11.00am
Tapawera Rugby Club rooms



This is a one hour training session that will give you lifesaving skills and confidence to help if someone has a cardiac arrest in our community. You will learn how to take action by calling 111, how to start CPR and how to use an AED unit. This FREE workshop is ideal for any age and a great introduction into level 1 First Aid.



To book your space please contact Nicola Allan at nicolaallan434@gmail.com



This workshop has been made possible with the help from the DIA CLD Program and Tapawera Connect

Tapawera Fermenting Workshop

Sunday 16th June 10.30 - 12.30
Rugby Club Rooms Tapawera



Our tutor Sally Rees has a wealth of knowledge spanning over 10yrs including restaurants, catering and teaching in schools. Our winter workshop will cover making Sauerkraut, Kimchi, Kombucha, Coconut Yogurt and Brine Pickled Vegetables!

Book your place now as limited spaces!
\$20 pp Contact Nicola Allan
nicolaallan434@gmail.com for your enrollment pack.

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Community Connector Update

It's been a challenging last few months for many in our community. The local hop season unfortunately didn't go for as long as hoped, and orchardists and farmers are feeling the pinch with the lack of rainfall. Lots of little wet drops are so desperately needed for winter crops, animal feed and stock water. The lack of rainfall has also had an impact on households too, with many bores and creeks which usually supply water to homes drying up. A very thankful rain was dropped in late April and fingers crossed more will follow soon.

Tapawera Connect has been busy finalising the Tapawera Community Plan, now in the capable hands of our local Graphic Designers Danny and Ana of Sugarcube Studios. We look forward to being able to present the polished version to the community very soon.

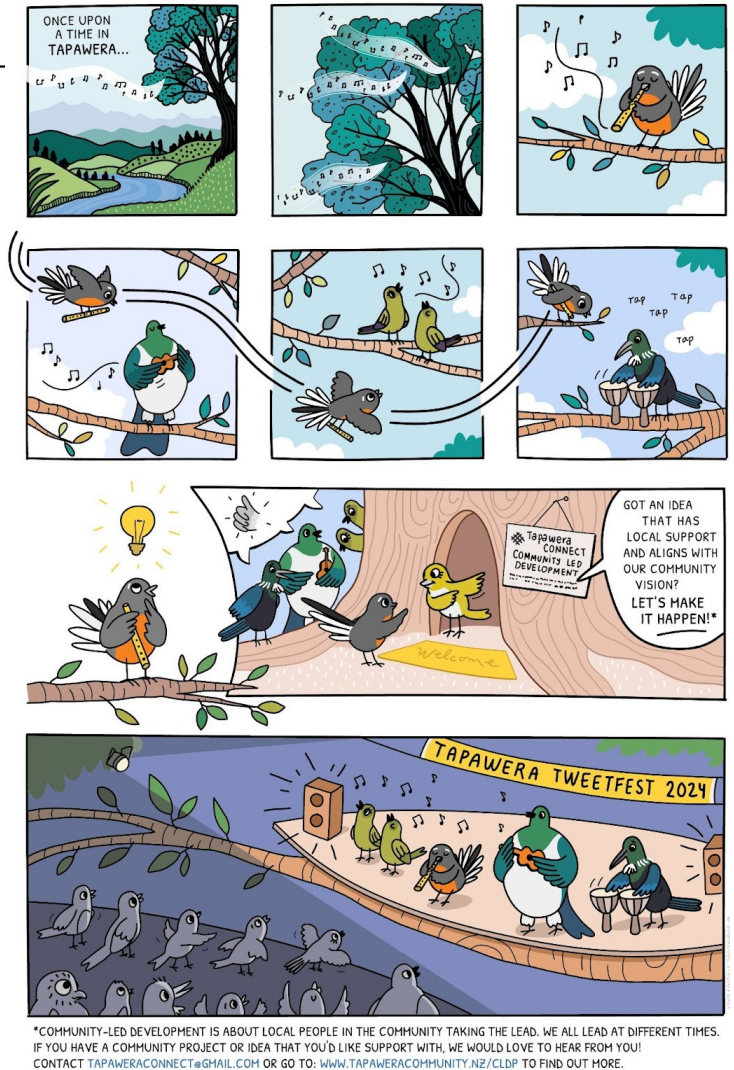
Five of the Community Led Development (CLD) team travelled to Wellington recently to meet with other CLD Communities from across NZ. They gained valuable insights, networking and loads of ideas to bring back to Tapawera on how we can really get the most from our partnership with the DIA and the Community Led Development Program. One of the exciting projects that the Tapawera Connect team has been working on is a CLDP comic strip! This artistic magic, brought to life through Sugarcube Studios, has also been animated (you may have seen it on our FB page and other social media)?

The intention of this is to bring the concept of Community Led Development to as many local people as possible, and this seemed like a fun way to do it!

As the comic says at the bottom, "Community Led Development is about local people in the community taking the lead. We all lead at different times. If you have a community project or idea that you would like support with, we'd love to help :)

We are looking for some Community Leads (people with passion!) to drive some of the Community Plan recommendations into projects. Already we have had some local volunteers step forward, and it is exciting to be seeing so many of these projects coming to life (and many more beyond the list on the right too!).

If you have any interest in leading or being a part of any of the following projects, please touch base with Nicola (CLD Project Coordinator).



*COMMUNITY-LED DEVELOPMENT IS ABOUT LOCAL PEOPLE IN THE COMMUNITY TAKING THE LEAD. WE ALL LEAD AT DIFFERENT TIMES. IF YOU HAVE A COMMUNITY PROJECT OR IDEA THAT YOU'D LIKE SUPPORT WITH, WE WOULD LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU! CONTACT TAPAWERACONNECT@GMAIL.COM OR GO TO: WWW.TAPAWERACOMMUNITY.NZ/CLDP TO FIND OUT MORE.

<p>We are Caring & Connected</p> <p>Community Hub</p> <p>Advocate for increased Seniors Housing</p>
<p>We Are Building a Sustainable & Resilient Community</p> <p>Support community planting incl fruit trees and pollination pathway</p> <p>Advocate for a more robust power network/improved telecommunications</p> <p>Support local businesses in exploring opportunities for economic stability/employment</p> <p>Support Mara Wera School & Community Garden</p> <p>Investigate flexible, affordable & accessible community transport</p> <p>Facilitate Tapawera community preparedness plan</p> <p>Support growth of local food networks to increase food resilience in Tapawera</p>
<p>We Are Active & Healthy</p> <p>Advocate for increased health services including family & mental health</p> <p>Promote Shedwood Bush and other recreational areas</p> <p>Investigate cycling hub concept & feasibility of more off-road trails</p> <p>Investigate covering/heating pool</p>
<p>We Are Proud of our Community</p> <p>Support landscaping route to the river, including a recreation area</p> <p>Facilitate annual event/celebration for Tapawera</p> <p>Support smaller events through the year</p> <p>Facilitate development of a comprehensive village & environs plan</p>
<p>We are Guardians of our Mountains Rivers</p> <p>Support project to promote & safeguard birdlife on semi-braided section of Motueka River</p> <p>Support efforts to improve safe access to Kahurangi National Park over the Dart River</p> <p>Support environmental programmes with our local school</p>

WINTER FORAGING WORKSHOP "SPECIAL EDITION"



Come join us again for an informative and enjoyable day of foraging for eatables, all available in our own back yards. Melany Wright from "ForagedFare" has accumulated years of knowledge ready to share! Our workshop will cover medicinal and culinary, with two bonus topics, beauty and coastal greens! Weed frittatas, salsas, and wild cordials are just some of the delicious fare covered and eaten on the day!

SATURDAY THE 22ND JUNE
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**Te Tari Taiwhenua
Internal Affairs**



Winter Workshops

In June there are some seasonal workshops coming your way:

Winter Foraging (Special Edition) added bonuses included!

Fermenting Foods

3 Steps For Life training through St Johns

(Just a reminder folks St Johns are still looking for locals to become volunteers for the First Response vehicle in Tapawera. Full training given. Please reach out to Nicola Allan nicolaallan343@gmail.com if you are interested in this life changing service!

Keep a look out folks for the flyers in the Informer, the notice board, and on the Tapawera Community website (tapaweracommunity.nz) for dates and contact details.

Road Safety Update

It was brought to our attention, around the same time as the Speed Management Review by TDC, that the road crossing situation outside of school is not great. This highlighted a bigger issue of parking for parents at the start and end of the school/kindergarten day.

I'm pleased to say that with help from the TDC and support from the school, we have had some positive movement that we hope will create a safer area for our tamariki and whānau for years to come. The school has now designated the first six parking spaces that were in the past staff parking, to be pick-up/drop-off parks for parents. This will hopefully keep children more on the school side of the road and not crossing over the road from opposite the school. The staff parking area will be extended around to the side of the school alongside the School and Community Gardens. It will be interesting to see too if/how the Speed Management Review is implemented. Let's hope that the speed through Tapawera and around our school is reduced for safety reasons.

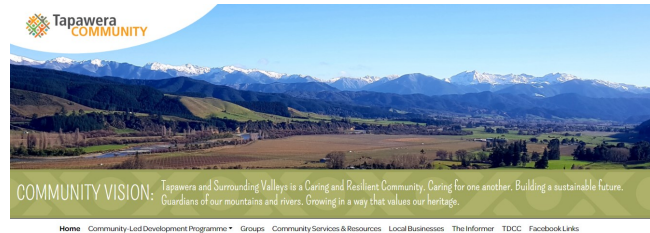
PS. Big thank you to all who put in submissions around the speed outside our school and through Tapawera. Collectively our voices are stronger!

This will have been and gone by the time this edition of the Informer hits the shelves, but I'd like to give a huge shout out to our wonderful local organising team that put this year's service together, Tamara Eggers, Janine Leeden, and AnneMarie Gill. Gratitude must also go to other amazing locals who helped on the day with speaking, refreshments, organising, and all those little things that made for a fantastic day!

Tapawera Community Website

And finally, remember that a digital copy of each month's Informer, the Tapawera Community Plan stats, Hub Feasibility study, and much more can be found on the Community Website

If you haven't had a chance to check out the website go to tapaweracommunity.nz and take a look! It is a treasure trove of information on local activities, groups, businesses, and so much more!





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Team

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The colder mornings are a reminder that winter is on its way and with it comes the Flu Season. Your best defence against the flu is to get a yearly flu vaccine. Flu vaccines are available for anyone aged over 6 months.

People with the following conditions are eligible for a free vaccine:

1. Children aged 6 months to 12 years with chronic conditions.
2. People 65 years of age or older.
3. Māori & Pacific peoples aged 55-64.
4. Refugees who have been through the quota programme 55yrs +.
5. People under 65 years of age who:
 - have some types of cardiovascular disease.
 - have either of the following chronic respiratory diseases:
 - asthma, if on a regular preventative therapy, or
 - other chronic respiratory disease with impaired lung function; or
 - have diabetes; or
 - have chronic renal disease; or
 - have any cancer, excluding basal and squamous skin cancers if not invasive; or
 - pregnant women (any trimester); or
 - some other rare conditions may also be eligible.

If you think you may be eligible, please discuss with one of our Nurses or Doctors.

Non funded flu vaccines will be available at the same time. FLUAD®Quad is a non-funded flu vaccine available to the over 65s. This vaccine has additional ingredients that helps create a stronger immune response.

There is a new Covid vaccine available for people over 30yrs that have not had a booster or covid illness for 6 months or more. This can also be used as a primary course for people who have never had a covid vaccine. Flu and covid vaccines can be safely given at the same time.

The nurses have several clinics coming up so give us a call and we can book you in.

Welcome Ancy

We are delighted to welcome Ancy to our Practice nurse team, with all her experience and passion for helping people. She has written a couple of lines below about herself.

My name is Ancy, I have been a nurse for over nineteen years. I bring a diverse background in Nursing to contribute to the Wakefield Health Centre team. I am a proactive and adaptable professional who enjoys working with colleagues who are passionate about nursing care. I look forward to meeting many of you here at the Practice.



Senior's Snippets with Janine Leeden, 0277525975

The next **Wellby Talking Cafe** is on **Tuesday 14th May 2024**, where we will return to the warmth of the **Hub room in the Community Centre from 10-11.30am**. Come along for a free coffee & chat and to meet some other locals. **(This offer is NOT just for Seniors!)**

*Following Wellby Talking Cafe, Helen McCubbin from Tasman District Library will again offer their **Digi Drop-in session, also at Community Centre from 11am-1pm**. Are you aware of the different free apps that you can access through your TDC Library membership? Helen can sign you up to become a member of TDC libraries – you just need some ID – and can then guide you through setting up access to audiobooks, eBooks, and many other free apps that are paid for through your library membership **(This offer is NOT just for Seniors!)***

Our monthly **Tea and Talk**, for over 65s, will be on **Tuesday 28th May 10-11.30 am** at the Memorial Hall. Please join us for some relaxed and fun socialising. \$3 gets you morning tea and some great connections. At this stage I am hoping to have Denise Wi Repa, Community and Service Support, Te Piki Oranga, now based at Wakefield Health Centre a few days a week, come and speak to us about her new role and how she can help our community.

We have started playing some table games after our **Sit and Be Fit**, each Friday at St Peter's Anglican Church, which runs from 10-11am and beyond for those wanting to stay and play. We start with some gentle exercise, some laughter, and a cuppa, all for \$3. Please feel free to come along and join in for some strength and balance exercises as well as some important socialising afterwards. Sit and Be Fit is part of the Falls Prevention programme run by Nelson Bays Primary Health for ACC.



Women's Encounter Day

St Peter's Church Tapawera

15 June 2024
9.30am – 3.30pm

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Speakers: Rebekah Heslop
Helen Newth

All Ladies Welcome

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Tapawera Netball Club April News

We are giving a huge shout-out and thank you to **Pub Charity** due to the generosity of the Wakefield Hotel, Brightwater Bar & Bistro, Post Office Hotel Motueka, and Collingwood Tavern, we have purchased new uniforms for our ladies this year! Without this awesome charity we would not be able to do this so please get behind them and support them whenever you can!

This year we have two teams for the Senior grade consisting of some of our school girls and one school girl from Murchison, one secondary school team and some of our Tapawera School girls have combined with Wakefield School again, due to insufficient numbers to make up the teams. This year our senior women have been busy completing an umpires exam as it is a requirement to have to umpire a game each week during the season. We can't wait to see how this will help their on-court play.

We would also like to thank **Hadyn Morgan Electrical** for donating his time, testing, and tagging our training lights for use this season, we appreciate it!



Tapawera Blue Rock Hops Team

Thank you to our sponsors **Blue Rock Hops Ltd** for the support of both Glen & Sara and Brian & Sarah Clayton.

This team consists of Emma Bannister, Renee Macdonald, Josie Orr, Tegan Cornell, Sam Fenwick, Shakaia Macdonald, Toni Derbyshire and Liv Richardson

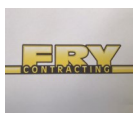
Coach/Manager: Belinda Grice & Sarah Jones

Grade: 4

Training: Wednesday, 7 pm

Coach/Manager comments: "Practises are going well and we are looking forward to getting games underway on May 4th. The team is looking strong and has a great rapport with each other. Great to be able to have the lights - thanks to Tania Higgins for organizing them for us. Also thanks to Tap School for the use of the gym on wet nights - hopefully we won't have too many of them."

Belinda and Sarah



Tapawera Fry Contracting

This year we are fortunate enough to have some keen senior players which is awesome to be able to submit two teams to Nelson Netball. This consists of three school girls and five women. We can't wait to see where this team heads as they learn to work together and help each other out with their strengths and weaknesses on and off the court.

This team consists of Aroha Collins, Gemma Balmer, Kate Mytton, Katie Hicks, Kiahna Telfer-Eggers, Lane Williams, Shimiela Streeter-Mantell and Lissie Anglesey

Coach/Manager - Laura Fry and Lissie Anglesey

Grade: 5

Training: Wednesday, 6:30 pm

Coach/Manager comments: "Only 2 weeks to go! We have Sponsorship! A huge THANK YOU to **Andrew and Kevin Fry at Fry Contracting Ltd** for sponsoring our team! This is awesome for us as it will hugely benefit our team by dramatically reducing the team fees, making this sport all the more accessible! Tapawera's Fry Contracting netball team has been training hard, figuring each other out, recovering from injuries, working on player combinations, and building fitness. We also welcome Kiahna Telfer-Eggers from Murchison Area School into our team. Thank you for committing to travel to Tap for training sessions. Training alongside and practicing against the Blue Rock team has been awesome for our ladies! Thank you Coach Belinda and Team for the opportunities. Everyone is shaping up well and I am excited to coach their first game on Saturday 4th May!

Get along to support us at the Saxton Stadium indoor courts!"

Time and Court TBC



Tapawera Hotel Team

Thank you to our sponsor the **Tapawera Hotel owner** Brendan Gleeson and Shara Khan for the ongoing support of this team!

This team consists of Alyse Clarke, Paige Derbyshire, Keetah Jones, Atlanta Linstead, Kasey Mitchell, Breeze Streeter-Mantell, Ella Walker, Jaidyn Webb and Lydia Wedderburn

Coach/Manager: Toni Derbyshire & Lynda Mitchell

Grade: Collegiate 10

Training: Wednesday, 3:30 pm

Coach Toni's Comments: "The team is training well and I'm impressed with the team's determination and willingness to learn new drills."

We have a **Tapawera Netball Club Facebook** page where we will update you on how our teams do throughout the season. We also have a new email address so feel free to reach out to us at tapaweranetballclub1988@gmail.com at any time.

Lissie Anglesey,
Club Secretary,
tapaweranetballclub1988@gmail.com



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From the Tapawera Area School and COMMUNITY Library

Hi All, you'll notice I'm giving our library its full title in the headline. This is because I was told this week that several members of the community still aren't aware we are a community library as well as a school library. Sure all our adult fiction books are donated, we don't have a budget to cover them but oh the wealth of books we have on our shelves.

When I look at the shelves of the most recently donated books, I see authors such as James Patterson, Jodi Picoult, Cathy Kelly, John Grisham, Stephen King, Jojo Moyes and so many more. And guess what/ If a donated book happens to be a recently published book it is still free to take out.

We are open between 10.30-1pm but members can obtain a key from the office and leave their details at the desk during normal school hours.

We have our new Richmond collection on the shelves now so you really do need to come in for a browse. For those who don't know, twice a year we get about 200 books from Richmond Library and have them to issue to our members so if you think you are over familiar with the 2-3000 books we have in our adult section then there's something new to read.

To search our whole catalogue, you just need to go to our webpage at nz.accessit.online/TPW00 (last two digits are zeros). Anyone can see this as a guest and if you ask us for your membership number then you can check your account and those of your children. A good way to find out about those overdues.

Talking about overdues, it's great to get so much response from parents when they receive our automated overdue notices. Please know that the notices might sound formal but we aren't ogres. We know books get mislaid and we'd never want any child to be worried about coming into the library but it is reassuring to know that parents are doing their best to keep these books coming back to the library so thank you all.

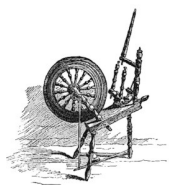
I mustn't forget to mention our Book Fair during late May. This is always a colourful and worthwhile event. More details with the times and exact dates later.

You will find us behind the tennis courts at the school. Our hours and website as above. We'll open Monday to Friday.

Phone 5224337 ex 213/ email library@tapawera.school.nz

Happy Reading folks

Laree for the library team.



Tapawera Creative Fibre

We are certainly seeing the change of season now, cooler evenings and much cooler mornings. The season of 3 changes of clothing a day, warmer in the morning, cooler in the afternoon then back to warmer in the evening. I have even bought my Uggs out of storage occasionally.

Tapawera Craft Group has been busy with some of the group learning smocking, our thanks to Judith Ryan who donated the smocking machine to our group along with a lot of pattern books. Many thanks to Janet who was instrumental in sussing how to use said machine. Our thanks to Etta who instructed on smocking technique and patterns. Our thoughts are with Etta currently battling Covid and we hope for a speedy recovery for her.

This week we are very grateful to Tapawera Area School allowing us the use of the Technology room for our Sewing Skills day. A much easier space to teach in. Paper license, then a simple project to achieve. Congratulations to Kerrie who unwrapped her new sewing machine for the first time, completed her paper license then went on to make a simple item. I am very proud of her efforts with a new skill.

Coming up we have hand and wrist exercises with our favourite Physio Vicky, then the rest of the day to start, complete or carry on begun projects. May will see us heading into town for a visit to Molly Mac's and lunch at Squires followed by a visit to the bead shop.

A day to finish smocking projects, then into our Log Cabin quilting blocks.

Busy busy. Take care folks, no matter if you spin, knit, cross stitch, crochet, sew, quilt, work with metal, glass or whatever, you are welcome to our group. Wednesdays 10am to around 3pm, or Tuesday night at 10 Totara St 7:30 to around 9pm.

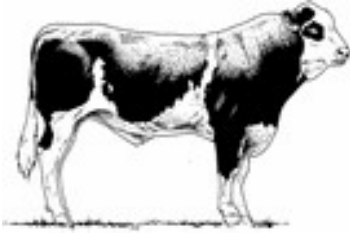
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Come and join Tapawera district's food resilience programme and be part of our food growing, sharing and swapping movement!

What is food resilience? Resilience is the ability to prepare for, withstand, and recover from a crisis or disruption. So a resilient food system is one that ensures food security - a sufficient supply of acceptable and accessible food for everyone who requires it, under any circumstances.

When there's a shock to the system, like an earthquake or extreme weather event, the security of our food system becomes apparent - where does our food come from once the supermarkets are empty? Civil Defence's advice is that each household should be prepared with supplies for at least seven days.

A community gathering on 16 May will kick off an exciting Community-led Development Programme project to support the growth of local food networks in Tapawera district. The aim is to encourage small networks of people across the district in places such as Stanley Brook, Tapawera Village, Glenrae, Matariki, Kohatu, Tadmor, Tui and so on, growing their own food and being prepared to share or swap surplus with their neighbours, and also share more widely in the community.

Consultation for the Tapawera Community Plan showed strong support for the three recommendations about food resilience - supporting the growth of local food networks to increase food resilience in Tapawera; supporting the school and community garden; and supporting the planting of community fruit trees.

Our project doesn't just aim to encourage more Tapawera locals to grow their own food and also share it with others. It also hopes that through establishing food networks at a local level, which will then be connected with each other, that this will help strengthen community connections and boost emergency preparedness.

Come along to the Tapawera Community Centre on Thursday, 16 May and be part of deciding on the next steps, including what to include in a CLDP project proposal. There will be shared kai from 6.30pm and discussion will kick off at 7pm.

For more information please contact Gavin Scoble on 027 757 6665/03 522 4585 or Heather Spence on 03 522 4458.

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Tēnā koutou e te Whānau ki te Kura o Tapawera

Whānau Hui Summary

Ngā mihi nui to the Whānau and staff who attended the hui. We appreciate your time and your feedback. It was great to finally get together and discuss what is important for our tamariki and rangatahi.

We heard from the whānau at the hui, that they appreciated the mahi of staff and that they see that good things are happening. From the perspective of the whānau, as a kura, it was stated that:

1. Kapa Haka was important and specifically, opportunities for our kapa haka group to perform, were important as it is a way through which much reo, tikanga, and te ao Māori is learned
2. We learned that communication from school could improve
3. Whānau wanted more involvement in school

This feedback is important for us and we will now look at how we can make these things happen. We will work on becoming more adaptable to how whānau want to communicate. We hope to have more regular kōrero about how we are progressing our mahi to form a whānau group within our school to support our staff and rangatahi, and how we might co-opt a Māori parent onto our Board of Trustees. We believe this person is vital to represent the voice of our Māori ākongā and their parents.

You will hear from us early next term about our progress. Once again, thank you for your support and aroha for the Kura in our journey.

Thank you for your support over the first term of 2024. We can celebrate...

1. The launch of our new 2024/205 strategic and annual plan
2. Our new vision translated into Te Reo
3. The launch of our new website
4. A successful Whānau Hui
5. Our Tournament Team and their positive result
6. Participation in Kahui Ako Professional Development for teachers
7. Working with Whenua Ite for teacher professional development in Te Reo Māori

8. Kapa Haka developing and growing within the Kura

9. A robust ERO (Education Review Office) Profile Report with positive feedback and clear next steps (will be published in Term 2)

10. Positive reinforcement through the token system

Next term we continue to grow as a Kura and make our place a great place to learn.

Thank you for your ongoing support and Aroha for our kura.

Sarah Coard
Principal / Tumuaki
principal@tapawera.school.nz

New Drop-Off Zone

Tapawera Connect and the school have been working with The TDC around road safety outside our school. We have identified several safety concerns around whānau needing to park on the opposite side of the road and cross the main road. We explored several options and have decided to create a drop-off zone on the school side of the road. Hopefully, this proactive measure will ensure we never have any accidents outside our Kura.

Phone Away for the Day

As of Term Two, the 'Phone Away for the Day' Policy led by the current Government is in place.

TOSI Tournament in Murchison

What a great week in Murchison with our strong team of 20 students: James Snackers, Taine Collins, Tamati Bright, Asha Guyton, Bronco MacDonald, Riley Hook, Roman Streeter-Mantell, Hunter Page, Joseph Butcher, Levi Bennett, Cheyenne Phyn, Kiana Collins, Katie Hicks, Sarah Jones, Shakaia MacDonald, Shimiela Streeter-Mantell, Breeze Streeter-Mantell, Alyse Clarke, Jada Jelinek, Keetah Jones. A huge thank you to Tom Haunch, Stephen Haunch and Todd McAuley for supporting our team for the week. Also it was so nice to have so many families joining and there for our team. Thank you.

The TOSI Tournament covers 3-4 days of intense competition, both sporting and cultural. It provides an opportunity for students to compete, develop life skills and make lasting connections with students from other Area Schools. Our 20 students had been working towards this during Term 1 and they did not let themselves down. Notable results included wins in Girls Touch, Playball, Boys Touch, Mixed Ki-o-rahi, Orienteering and Indoor Bowls. Cheyenne managed a second place in the Art Challenge alongside the same result in Girls' Football and Volleyball. It was a successful Tournament which saw a number of students being selected for trials for the National Tournament and the team finishing 2nd overall behind a strong and consistent Murchison Area School.

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Leadership Forum

For our house and student leader day our leaders were given the opportunity to attend a leadership forum. The forum was created and organised by Garin College which included students from across the Top of the South. It was an incredible opportunity that allowed us students to develop more interactive learning approaches and better ways of engaging other students. It was a great experience and showed so much variety in the different ways that different schools approach similar situations. I found that interacting with the other schools and talking about the different ways they are trying to sort similar challenges that we are also facing was extremely comforting and knowledgeable. The courses they had throughout the day were thoroughly worked through and allowed us to see many different methods for so many different situations. It also allowed us an opportunity at the end of the day to speak to the 100 odd students about the different techniques we now want to apply and try at our own schools. Overall I believe that the course was extremely productive and a great opportunity for anyone who gets a chance.

Cheyenne Phyn, Year 13

MANGA HIGH

Tapawera Area School was the winner for March as the top school in the South Island with 500 points. Our top 10 students were: Sian Thomas 40, Atlanta Linstead 34, Jackson Irvine 33, Cyprus Leabourne-Matthews 32, Ben Dixon 28, Aurora Waby 26, Claude Gaddes 22, Rydan Fright 21, Bax Biggelaar 20, Florence Gaddes. Well done to all students who contributed to winning the Cup for the South Island.

Year 9 Social Science

Year 9 Social Science students are studying the Gold Rush in the Baton and Wangapeka valleys. Part of their assessment is to create a short film about life in that era. Last week we visited Willowbank Heritage Park for a tour and to use the period buildings as a backdrop for their films. A huge thank you to Willowbank Heritage Park for having us.



Year 8 Textiles

The Year 8 Textiles class has been unleashing their

creativity this term, conjuring up a menagerie of monstrously marvellous soft toys! Using vibrantly coloured fleece, they've been busy crafting the bodies of their cuddly companions. But these aren't your average teddy bears – each monster is being brought to life with unique applique designs. With careful stitching, students are adding features like googly eyes, sharp teeth, or even fluffy horns, making every monster one-of-a-kind. It's a project that's not only honing their sewing skills but also letting their imaginations run wild!

Year 7 & 8 Food Technology Term 1

This term has been focused on snack foods. Students have made smoothies, pikelets, sushi and more.

The Food Technology challenge this term was around popcorn. Students had the challenge of creating and marketing their own popcorn flavour. They created marketing posters and a prototype of their creative ideas. Here are a couple of great ones:





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Room 5 Camp

Room 5 camp was amazing. We got very lucky with the weather and had a great day on our walk to Apple Tree Bay. We went crab hunting and had lots of fun building sand castles and burying our friends. The tamariki were amazing when we went kayaking. Everyone gave things a go and had a great time out on the water. We had great adventures, lots of swimming, fun and team building. Great way to start the year for Room 5. Thanks to all the parents who came and helped out. We could not have done it without you.



Nick and Olivia

As Nick glanced at Olivia's glassy eyes she snuffled quietly trying not to let it all out. Nick wondered who had made her this upset. He decided to sit next to her on the wooden bench. Wooden boards creaked loudly as he sat down.

Olivia showed signs of discomfort as she shuffled away from Nick. "Are you alright?" Nick said in a soft calm voice. Olivia replied with tears in her eyes "Yeah I'm fine." Nick knew that she was not alright. As Olivia wiped the tears from her eyes she was startled by the noise of her phone ringing. She sniffled as she answered with a "Yes." Nick could hear a muffled voice of an old man shouting, "Where are you? Come home now!" as Olivia stood up and slowly walked away with a limp in her left leg.

Nick hesitated to go up to her and talk to her. As she was disappearing behind the trees Nick ran up to her and asked if she needed any help. She stopped and slowly looked at him with tears in her eyes and mumbled something under her breath.

Nick couldn't help but ask "Who was on the phone?" As tears streamed down from her face Olivia replied with "He's my Dad." "Why is he so old?" Nick replied with pure confusion. Olivia sniffled and shouted "Fine, I've been kidnapped!" she burst out in tears.

Nick was shocked and lost for words, "Well don't go back!" He said. "and how did you even escape?" Nick had so many questions. Olivia calmed down a bit and said, "Well I'm not meant to be out here!" "But how did you get out here?" Nick replied boldly. "I don't remember," She stuttered. They silently walked for a while.

Nick glanced at her pale face. She looked up at him and said "Leave!" She sounded so serious. "I can't!" Nick said. "You need to go!" she shouted, pushing him away causing him to crash to the ground grazing his elbow. Olivia stormed off down the street.

Nick stood up, dusted himself off and went back home sad and heartbroken knowing he would never see Olivia again.

By Rose, Year 7

Book Discussion Group

Meet: 4th Thursday in month, 10am
 Contact: Paula Davis ph. 5224341

Federated Farmers

Contact: Harry Matthews - Field Rep -
 0275078901

Golden Bush Garden Club

Meet: 2nd Thursday of month
 Contact: President, Irene Griffith
 0212525098, or Shirley Percy 5224924

Golf

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 Contact: Gary Oldham ph. 0278080578

Historical Society

Contact: Barbara Carleton ph. 5224317

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Tapawera & Dist. Community Council

Meetings: 3rd Tuesday of month,
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**What's on
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- 9 Garden Club, 11:30am, The
 Little Shed Garden Nursery,
 106 Teapot Valley Rd,
 Brightwater
- 14 Tapawera Talking Café, 10-
 11:30am, Tapawera
 Community Centre
- 14 Digi Drop-in Session,
 Community Centre, 11am-1pm
- 16 Localising food get together,
 Community Centre, 6.30pm
- 20 Articles for Informer close 5pm
- 21 TDCC monthly meeting,
 Community Centre, 7pm
- 28 Tea and Talk, Memorial Hall
 10:00am - 11:30am

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